

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: JULY 23, 2014

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 - 2014 UPDATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

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**ISSUE:** 2014 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP)

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Transportation Commission (Commission) review the draft update of the 2014 LRP.

**DISCUSSION:** At the May 21, 2014 Commission meeting, staff introduced the proposed additions and deletions to the 2014 LRP Update. The updates included the following project additions:

- Two proposed circulator routes, based on recommendations in the DASH Comprehensive Operations Analysis;
- A new bridge over Sanger Avenue at I-495 to better accommodate future Bus Rapid Transit and non-motorized users; and
- A new Holmes Run trail bridge

In addition, two projects were proposed to be moved from the “Programs” list to the “Projects” list, including:

- Mt. Vernon Avenue at East/West Glebe Road intersection improvements;
- Redesign intersection of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Four Mile Road

Finally, staff is proposing to remove the “Programs” element of the LRP since these programs are now generally covered through the City’s Complete Streets program. Staff requested that the Commission members individually score / prioritize the LRP project list.

At the June 18, 2014 Commission meeting, staff provided an overview of the Commission rankings (priorities) and answered questions on specific projects. The Commission requested that staff review additional information on the need for Project No. 27 (Redesign intersection of Mt. Vernon Avenue at Four Mile Road). Staff have discussed the project with the Department of Planning & Zoning. The project is no longer supported by staff because it would result in a decrease of usable park space without a significant benefit. The project was initially intended to

provide better access to the park from Mt. Vernon Avenue, but the park design has been revised to allow for additional pedestrian access off of Mt. Vernon Avenue. Therefore, staff is recommending the removal of this project from the “Projects” list.

In addition, the Commission scores have been revised to include Commissioner Jakubek’s scores, and Project No. 18 (Clermont Avenue Interchange / Extension) has been moved to the lowest priority as requested by the Commission.

A public hearing on the LRP update will be held during the September 17, 2014 Commission meeting, and a recommendation on the LRP update is anticipated following the public hearing.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Revised Draft 2014 LRP
- LRP Project scores by Transportation Commission
- LRP Scoring Criteria